

# MOUNTVIEW

## Guidance for International Students Applying for a Tier 4 Visa – 2020 Entry

Thank you for your interest in applying to Mountview. We hope this document will provide you with some basic details about applying for a Tier 4 visa and prepare you for what you may need to do, should you be offered a place. Should you have any questions on the Tier 4 visa application process, please do not hesitate to contact the admissions team on [admissions@mountview.org.uk](mailto:admissions@mountview.org.uk)

If you are a non-UK / EU citizen, you will normally need a Tier 4 Adult (General) Student visa to study in the UK. You will only be able to apply for your visa a maximum of three months before the date your course is due to start.

This is a summary of what will be required from you if you are offered a place and need to apply for a tier 4 visa. We will send you a more in depth document if we make you an offer and will be of assistance as best we can concerning the suitability of your documents.

Please note that international students are permitted to work up to **20 hours per week** whilst studying at Mountview.

We suggest you familiarise yourself with the Tier 4 Policy Guidance as soon as possible, so you are aware of what you will need to do, should you be offered a place. You can find the document [here](#).

Before we issue a student with a 'Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies' (CAS) number we must have received all of the following:

- A [certified](#) copy of your passport
- A [certified](#) copy of your Highest Qualifications
- Evidence of your English Language Qualification (if required)
- Payment of Fees in full for the first year of study or evidence of sponsorship
- Evidence of funds to support your maintenance in the UK (currently £11,385)
- Evidence of a TB certificate from an [approved centre](#).

### Evidence of English Language Qualification

The current English Language requirement is SELT in reading, writing, listening and speaking with a CEFR level B2 (at least 5.5) from an **approved test centre**. It is important you check the list and ensure you book an **IELTS for UKVI test** at one of the test centres listed if offered a place. You can find the list [here](#). Details change frequently so it is important that you check the IELTS requirements at [this site](#)

Please note that Mountview's IELTS requirement for Postgraduate study is 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.0 in each component. If you do not obtain these scores in your first test, please contact [admissions@mountview.org.uk](mailto:admissions@mountview.org.uk)

### Payment of Fees

You must have paid your tuition fees for your first year of training **in full** before we can issue you with a CAS number.

## **Evidence of Funds for Maintenance**

Your financial documents must show that the full amount of money that you need (£11,385) has been in the account for 28 consecutive days up to the date of the closing balance. This means that the account must not have dropped below the amount that you need to show at any time during the 28 day period. In addition, the final date of this 28 day period must not be more than 31 days old on the date that you submit your application.

Acceptable documents include;

- bank statements or a bank letter
- Electronic / online bank statements
- Letter from a regulated financial institution confirming a loan
- Original letter from the official financial sponsor

### **\* Important note if you are using your parents' financial evidence**

If you are using your parent's bank statements or bank letter, you must provide additional documents:

- Your birth certificate, showing the name of the parent who is providing the funds; **or**
- Certificate of adoption, showing your name and the name of your parent who is providing the funds; **or**
- Court document stating the name of your legal guardian and your name.

### **And:**

- An original signed and dated letter from your parent(s) confirming: that they are your parents; and that they have given their consent to the funds being available for you to study in the UK.

All documents must be ORIGINALS. Any document which are not written in English must be accompanied by a fully certified translation by a professional translator.

### **The following types of financial evidence will NOT be accepted:**

- Bank statements from relatives other than your parents
- Bank statements in a company's name
- Sponsorship letters written by a local (not international) company or organisation, or by a family member
- Any financial evidence from an overseas bank listed on the UKVI website as a financial institution that does not satisfactorily verify financial statements
- Other accounts or financial instruments such as shares, bonds, overdrafts, credit cards and pension funds

Please find below some useful links to support international students studying in the UK.

<https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa/overview>

<http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Tier-4-eligibility-and-requirements#RL>